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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL REQUEST

If any counselor in your district has conducted a results based evaluation project in the last year, would you please have them contact Bragg Stanley at bragg.stanley@dese.mo.gov

FUTURE ISSUES OF DIGEST

Because of numerous meetings and conferences that will occur between now and the end of the school year, the following are tentative Digest transmission dates: **May 2, May 20 and June 3.**

There will probably be a number of Special Transmissions during the period as different subjects are brought to our attention that need to be forwarded to you so that you can act upon them.

Thanks to all of the district guidance contacts that, throughout the year, have helped in making the information contained in the Digest available to others within their districts.

ENHANCEMENTS COMING TO MISSOURI CONNECTIONS

DESE is pleased to announce that a number of enhancements are being planned for MissouriConnections.org. New career and educational planning resources and a bit of a new look will be in store for your students and parents when school starts this fall. We believe everyone will enjoy the improved navigation and access to information about Career Clusters, exploring careers and colleges, and other valuable features of the DESE-sponsored site.

In Missouri Connections, DESE will debut a brand new Career Clusters video that will be completed this summer. The site, powered by Kuder®, provides many Internet-based tools and resources that help students achieve their educational and career planning goals. DESE also is seeking important enhancements for the administrative side of the system as recommended by our Missouri Connections advisory board of guidance counselors.

We appreciate our advisors and all the schools who are utilizing the Missouri Connections system to assist students with their individualized education and career planning. For more information about Missouri Connections, contact Renee Bales, Missouri field trainer, at (515-326-1725) or e-mail balesr@kuder.com.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MONTH LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) invites all career and technical education students to submit their designs for the 2009 CTE Month Logo Design Contest. In its fifth year, the logo design contest allows students an opportunity to showcase their skills. The theme, "CTE: Building Blocks for a Successful Career," will showcase national CTE Month and ACTE is seeking a logo that captures the importance of career and technical education and skills necessary for today's students. The contest is open to all CTE students and the winner of the CTE Month logo design contest will receive a check for \$250.

All logos must be original designs by students, no clip art. To be considered, logos must be designed following these criteria:

Logo must incorporate the 2009 CTE Month theme, "CTE: Building blocks for a successful career."

Logo must be easily reproduced both in color and black and white.

Logo must be submitted in the required format.

ACTE requires a two-color logo design submitted in EPS (Illustrator) format, no other formats will be accepted.

Since the logo will appear on items as small as pens and key chains, avoid the use of fine detail which may be lost in the design. The following information must be included (typed or printed) with each submission:

student's name and home phone number;

instructor's name; school name; and school address and phone number.

Entries must be submitted by mail or e-mail format. Entries can be mailed to: ACTE Marketing Department, ACTE, 1410 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Mailed entries must be on compact disk and must be accompanied by a hard copy of the logo. E-mailed entries must include the EPS file and a PDF of the logo and can be e-mailed to [Ingrid Thomas](mailto:Ingrid.Thomas@acte.org).

ACTE must have all submissions by Friday, May 30, 2008; none will be accepted after this date. The winner of the 2008 CTE Month logo design contest will be contacted by ACTE within a month of the contest deadline. All entries become the property of ACTE and the designer relinquishes any and all rights to compensation for use of the design.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Title IX Coordinator, 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-751-4212.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR? SURVEYS FROM ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER (ARC) ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP.

The Assessment Resource Center (ARC) is pleased to offer a new series of surveys, the *Missouri Guidance Planning Surveys*. These surveys function as tools to help schools develop comprehensive guidance curriculum programs and meet the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) requirements using Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

To obtain information, including pricing for materials and services, contact ARC at (800) 366-8232 or (573) 882-4694 or view their catalog online at: http://arc.missouri.edu/ARC2004catalog/ARC_2008_catalog.pdf

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

HELP FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AVAILABLE FOR COUNSELORS

To make the student financial aid process easier for high school counselors and student financial aid administrators, the MDHE centralized the administration of its state student financial assistance programs into FAMOUS, a comprehensive web-based database that provides on time, real-time information. To see more about this database and/or sign up for it, go to <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/famous.shtml>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

The Department of Mental Health has notified us that The Office of Disaster Readiness newsletter, *Advance Notice*, is now available on the attached link. <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/diroffice/disaster/AdvanceNoticeApr08a.pdf>

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS TIPS AVAILABLE.

Here is the link to EMD Bulletin #11, which focuses on earthquake preparedness tips:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/EMDBulletins/2008%20EMD%20Bulletins/2008%20Bulletin%2011.pdf>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

FREE ONLINE SUICIDE PREVENTION COURSE AVAILABLE

Suicide Prevention discusses the prevalence and risk factors associated with suicide. The course also covers signs and symptoms of suicidal behavior and the relationship between depression and Suicide. Effective staff responses and interventions for clients at risk for suicide are described. This course was donated to the [Essential Learning](#) Community Library by Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center of Los Angeles, California.

The course *Suicide Prevention* is available at no charge through April 30th! Enrollment in *Suicide Prevention* will remain free to any user who signs up on or prior to April 30, 2008. You do not have to complete the course prior to that date. Certificates available for this free courses are as follows:

National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (Provider No. 0484)

Professional Development Hours approved by the Employee Assistance Certification Commission.

For more information, visit www.essentiallearning.com. Need help finding this course? Click [here](#) for further instructions.

THE DARING DOZEN 2008:

Edutopia, a magazine published by the George Lucas Educational Foundation, has developed an interesting list of twelve individuals who are reshaping the future of education. To see this list and read how they are doing this, go to

<http://www.edutopia.org/daring-dozen-2008>

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE on **May 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort & Conference Center - Osage Beach, Missouri.** See more at <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

B. UCM-DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Central Summit Center in **Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 8:00-4:00.** To see more information about the workshop and/or to download a registration form, go to <http://www.ucmo.edu/workshops/CounselorInstitute.cfm>

C. SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE JEFFERSON CITY, MO, JULY 14, 2008

The third annual Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference, *Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention*, will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2008 in Jefferson City, Missouri.** Details about this and other upcoming events related to suicide prevention will also be posted online at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm

The Call for Presenters is also available online. If you know of anyone that might be interested in presenting, please share the following link and encourage them to submit a proposal:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/ShowMeYouCareCallforPresenters.pdf>

D. 14TH ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE –will be held July 16-18, 2008 at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis. Further information and online registration are available at <http://www.characterplus.org/page.asp?page=425>

E. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held on **July 21-24, 2008 in Springfield, MO.** For more information, go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on Conferences.

F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE will be held on **September 6-7, 2008 in Jefferson City.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

G. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE will be held on **NOVEMBER 2-4, 2008 at Tan Tar A Resort.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

H. THE BUILDING BRIDGES 2008 CONFERENCE will be held **on November 16-18, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO**

On Sunday, November 16 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., two preconference options will be available:

1. R-Factor Learning: Rigor, Relevance and Relationships
2. Using the High Schools that Work / Technology Centers That Work Assessment Data to Drive Student Achievement

To see more information about the conference, go to <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference08.html>

I. 2008 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO will be held on December 4-6, 2008 at the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. To see further information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/Convention/>